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IN RE
APPLICATION OF: Kent E. Regnier

SERIAL NO.: 09/482,135

FILED: January 12, 2000

FOR: CONNECTOR HAVING SUPPORTIVE
BARRIER COMPONENT

EXAMINER: C. Prasad

ART UNIT: 2839

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 99-247 US

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, please consider the following remarks regarding the rejections to the claims in the present application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116:

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REMARKS

This response is in response to the final Office Action mailed November 7, 2001 wherein claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 4,082,398 ("Bourdon et al.").

By this present response, applicants have set forth remarks believed to be sufficient to overcome the prior art rejections. Entry of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully urged because it places the application in condition for immediate allowance, or in the alternative narrows the issues for appeal.

In the final Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, the Examiner stated that applicant's